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Remarks: Gene Tighe has expressed some misgivings about procedures for producing a national situation report. In this reply, for your signature, we have tried to allay his fear that DIA intelligence will not reach the White House during crises, but we have <u>not</u> acceded to his tacit request that DIA-produced sitreps continue to flow automatically and directly to White House consumers. (What Tighe wants would defeat the purpose of the Scowcroft/Hyland request for a <u>single</u> sitrep.) We hope this will end the correspondence with Tighe on this issue.			
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12 MAY 1976

Lieutenant General E. F. Tighe, Jr., USAF
Acting Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Gene:

Thank you for your letter concerning our plans to produce a national sitrep in times of international crisis.

I fully appreciate your concern that such a publication might, in some circumstances, inhibit the flow of intelligence to the White House and the NSC; however, let me explain my intentions in a little more detail. I expect a national sitrep to be produced with great dispatch, but I also want it to contain all pertinent information relating to the problem at hand and to accurately reflect Community views, including any Community disagreements about substance. Our purpose, quite simply, is to ensure that high-level readers are able to make maximum use of the flow of intelligence with a minimum of effort. We are responding, in fact, to a request from the President which was relayed to us by Brent Scowcroft and Bill Hyland. The President reportedly desires to be able to focus on one intelligence summary during crises. I would hope that we as a Community will respond to his desires.

Certainly I have no wish to stifle the expression of departmental or agency views. Not only will these views be reflected in a national sitrep, they will continue to be published in departmental publications, which, during crises, will be available to all readers in the White House who wish to receive them.

I very much appreciate your assurance that you will join us to produce the best practicable national sitrep in the most timely fashion possible whenever we are called upon to do so.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

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For review and comment to DCI, who has not seen.

B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary
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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM: George Bush

SUBJECT: The Production of a National Situation Report by the Intelligence Community

1. The Intelligence Community is now prepared to produce for senior consumers a national intelligence situation report (sitrep) during crises. Under my auspices, the principal producing agencies (CIA, DIA, State/INR, and NSA) will, when international events and the needs of the NSC and its staff so demand, cooperate in the preparation of an all-source national intelligence sitrep which will reflect Community views and clarify any important Community disagreements over substance.

2. I will assume responsibility within the Community for deciding when and by whom a national sitrep should be produced. I would expect, normally, to designate one Community component to act as my executive agent and assume primary responsibility for producing the sitrep, and, more often than not, I would expect CIA to serve in that capacity. There will be times, however, when the nature of a particular crisis--the Mayaguez incident comes to mind--may prompt me to name some other agency, such as DIA.

3. In any event, the major producing agencies will offer various forms of assistance to the task force assembled by the executive agent, each according to its special capabilities. Such assistance would include: the provision of analysts, preferably collocated with the task force, to act as intermediaries; the submission of written contributions to the publication itself; and the extension of special support in the area of collection tasking and response.

4. At the same time, we in the Community agree that the producing elements must continue to issue crisis intelligence

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(including "departmental" sitreps) in the manner appropriate to their functions. But we also agree that these elements would be expected--in the absence of specific requests to the contrary--to withhold dissemination of sitrep-type intelligence publications to readers in the White House and the NSC Staff. The needs of these consumers for frequent, up-to-date intelligence reporting and interpretation would, we believe, be satisfied by the national product.

5. The coordination of the national sitrep will pose some problems. We will encourage as much coordination as practicable, and when there are important substantive disagreements, these will be clearly expressed in the sitrep. But the task force will have to meet pressing deadlines and often will not be able to delay publication for the sake of extensive coordination.

6. [] is currently overseeing a Community effort to ensure that the national sitrep will be informed by all information bearing on the problem at hand, including relevant information which receives only extremely limited dissemination and information concerning US diplomatic initiatives and military moves. At the same time, his staff, together with the producing agencies, is formulating precise procedures for the production of the national sitrep. Admiral [] assures me that all have approached this endeavor in a spirit of wholehearted cooperation. And I assure you that we are now ready to meet your request for national intelligence support during crises.

George Bush

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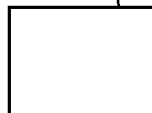
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